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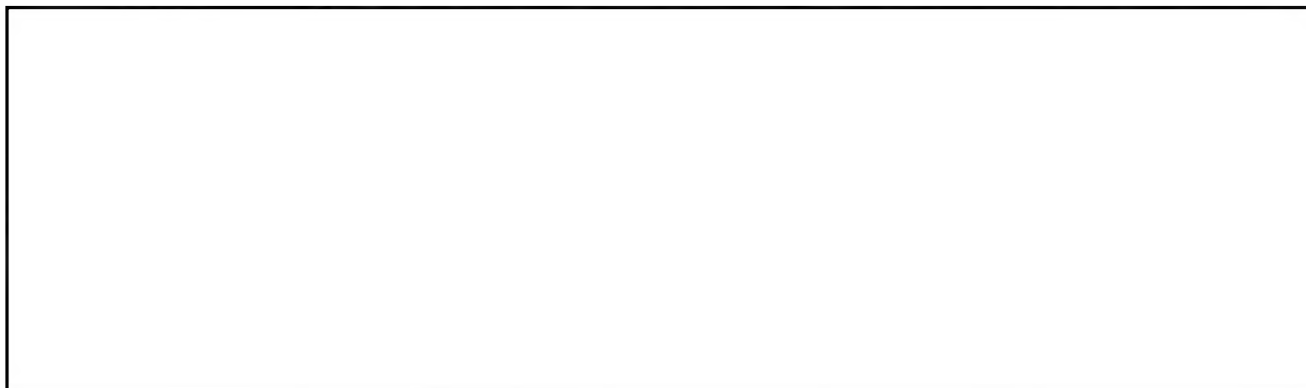
1. I lunched today with Mr. Roger Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget, in the course of which several of the CIA legislative problems were discussed. In connection with the Joint Committee on Intelligence, Mr. Jones was aware that the House bills were introduced, but had not been aware that Senator Mansfield had introduced such a bill. He gave it as his opinion that all steps should be taken to oppose such a measure as highly undesirable (in which statement Budget Director Dodge concurs). In view of Senator Mansfield's known tenacity, Mr. Jones suggests that steps be taken to try to convince Senator Mansfield personally of the undesirability of such a measure.

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In connection with the [REDACTED], Mr. Jones plans to have a round table discussion, if necessary, when the Defense Department comments are in to determine what the Government's position should be on the bill.

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Mr. Jones is also of the opinion that ultimately Senator McCarthy will attack CIA.

2. In connection with the call of Don Surine, of Senator McCarthy's staff, requesting a copy of a booklet entitled "The USSR: Institutions and People", I have called Mr. Surine back and left my name as he was out.

On file, OMB(s) release instructions apply.

He has not returned the call and I shall take no further action.

3. I have talked with General Mudge, of the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding a possible briefing for Senator Saltonstall prior to the latter's trip abroad. Senator Saltonstall will be in Washington on 5-6 November and General Mudge feels that he will probably desire such a briefing and will inform us in due course.

4. Mr. Philip Allen, Chief Clerk of the Senate Armed Services Committee, informed me that Chairman Saltonstall felt that in view of the many conflicting reports regarding the status and necessities of continental defense, it would be necessary for a special subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee to look into the matter. He has therefore appointed a special subcommittee consisting of himself and Senators Bridges and Russell, with Fred Rhodes as Counsel. Mr. Rhodes was formerly Director of the Staff of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mr. Robert Sprague, of Massachusetts, (who was formerly the Under Secretary of the Air Force designate) will be special consultant to the subcommittee. Mr. Amory/DDI informs me that at present we are to have no contact with this group as the President plans to talk with them personally in view of the fact that NSC matters are involved.

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5. George Wilson, Director of Personnel of the Department of State, called to inform me that he was sending a letter to Civil Service Commission Chairman Young calling for the necessity of redrafting the Foreign Service Act and other State Department personnel legislation. In his letter he states that this would be of interest to FOA, USIA and possibly CIA. I have asked him to delete any reference to CIA from such a letter for fear that it might become public and expose our [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I informed Col. White of the above and Col. White stated that Under Secretary of State Lourie had promised Mr. Dulles that we could review the letter prior to its being dispatched. As Mr. Wilson was merely sending us an information copy. Col. White is discussing the matter with him further.

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